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Ship Island Mississippi

Feb 17th 1862

My Dear Wife, although I have
written you very fully by this mail
yet I thought I would let you know up to
the last moment of the departure of
the mail by the Constitution that we are
all well and in ^{as} good spirits as we can
be. Considering we have not received a single
thing in the shape of remembrance
since I left; it is so flagrant singular
a great spanny of our officers and even
privates have received boxes and bu-
nacles; but for me and the Dr nothing
and clothing for the Regt. Nothing
Lieut. A. Brien received a box and his
folks had not thought enough to send
a complete file of some City paper

they stuck in some old papers of Dec 21 or
Nov 23 The Gr and myself seem
sely forgotten or else the victims of
old "Penceola" on board of which
said to be has not yet arrived
thing else the men have the blues because
a tobacco famine for the last two weeks
some time for fear his wife is suffering
if she spoke to you about it you would
some thought of course I know you
plane; Ed Doran the gardener
is in the Harbor since Friday on
one on shore yesterday but did not
nothing but thinks he must have
The Gr has not seen him yet and is
have heard something through Doran
do not forget about the spectacles
need them but would be well to have
whether green or blue I think it would
here to send some on to them; and

one of 20 one "Couriers" and a regiment of
to be the only ones who seem to comple.
some strange fatality that confound
which our mails and paymaster is
and we have neither money nor any
cause they have no tobacco in fact we have
the Dr. has been very anxious for
spring for money: I told him I thought
could strain a point to let her have
we would not have a great deal to
our daughters husband. Hubbell
on board the Gun Boat "Kanawha" he
to bring much news and no papers and
heard if you had been seriously ill
anxious to do so in hopes that he might
and folks about Dist. Gallagher
I spoke about in the other letter I may not
with them they should be of a light colour
would be well for those who have friends
reference to clothing the weather

is still sufficiently Cool to make
our uniforms comfortable but when
the weather begins to warm we
must look out for ~~warmer~~ ^{lighter} clothes
of some kind. I have had promises
from two of the Navy officers of some N
avy Cloth on flannel. I hope I may
get it as it will make very good
light coats and cheap as they say they
only charge 20¢ a yard for it.
There is two schooner loads of oranges
Bananas and Segars in the harbor but
we have no money to patronise them with
that is the others don't but I have still ten
dollars of that you sent on with Harriet
but I want it for a reserve. Our Regt
continues in very good health and
one fat and jolly we certainly have
had a splendid winter for them
these two Regt that have just come
out have had a great many sick and
no wonder after being on board ship
42 days. I do not think of an
ny more at present that I need to write
about or that you would care to hear.
I hope you will either send me comple
te sets of City papers or else cut and send
matters as you think I would like to hear
about and send it on to me; watch those
defendants from Brooklyn and write all
the time some of them must come I think I
written at least 50 or 60 pages to you
Your loving husband
Thos W. White